

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Catholic Church

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Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 20th February 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sat. Vigil 6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	John Grant, RIP (E D) Parish Community Jean White, RIP (The Prayer Group) Thanksgiving to St Peregrine (J S)
Monday 21 st	10.00am Mass in Townhill	
Tuesday 22 nd The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (Feast)	9.30am (Livestreamed)	John Grant, RIP (T & A L)
Wednesday 23 rd <i>St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Gerry McNeff, RIP Anniversary (P K & N H)
Thursday 24 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm (Livestreamed)	Veronika Ratkovska, RIP Anniversary
Friday 25 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am (Livestreamed)	Brian Thomas, RIP Wedding Anniversary (E T)
Saturday 26 th <i>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10.00am (Livestreamed)	Elaine Clement, RIP (J M)
Sunday 27th February 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Fr Puntin, RIP (K B) John Grant, RIP (J M) Marion Miller, RIP (D & C P) Parish Community

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Peter Smith, Maurice Rees, Alison Lewis, Diane Davies

INFANT BAPTISM: Harper Levenson. Sunday 6th March, at the 11.45am Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Date is Sunday 19th June. St David's School will prepare pupils who attend the school. Parents should please contact the Headteacher or Father Michael. Thank you.

COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND: If you know of any housebound parishioner who would like Holy Communion brought to them, please get in touch with Father Michael or Joy Stafford (01792 361029). Thank you.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING: We hope to restart the Wednesday Coffee Morning soon. We need more volunteers who will provide cakes. To sign up, please contact Eileen Waters (01792 367054).

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday 2nd March is Ash Wednesday. There will be two Masses: 9.30am and 7pm.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Donna Hurley, a Catholic and Bereavement Support expert, will be speaking to us at all Masses this weekend. Some parishioners have received training to start our Parish Bereavement Support. **More volunteers are needed.** Please get in touch with Fr Michael. Training is required. Thank you.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: Good News! Our first meeting after nearly 2 years will be held on Wednesday 2nd March at 2pm in the Parish Room. Theme of meeting will be - **Welcome Back**- and **Preparing for Lent**. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend.

RED MISSIO BOXES: The *Missio* boxes will be collected in the first week of March. They can be left with Marie at the 8.30 Mass or with Maggie at other Masses. New members are welcome. Marie can be contacted on 01792 403530. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next Sunday for flowers for the church.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Isabelle Gilfedder, Bill Gill, Claire Clancy, Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Michael Guerin, Theresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Doris Renninghoff, Frances Traylor, Rosemary Ronan, Mary Brearley, Audrey Robinson, Maria Davies, Angela Matthews, Millie Richards, Janet Blackburn, Eleanor Scowcroft, Yvonne Richards, Maria Watkins, Peter McPherson, Heather Ellis, Bernard Gregory.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Geraldina Cascarini, Fr Thomas Roche, Fr Joseph Becker, Joe Bracchi, Maria Richardson, Roger Lloyd, Janet Clarke, Dr Lawrence Brimacombe, Fr Adrian Puntin, Alexander Evans, Maggie Jane O'Donnell, Harry Ward, Margaret Buffee, Gerry McNeff, Mary Crockett, Rossor Rees, Desire Hurst, Chris Seymour, Fr James O'Hanlan, Cecilia Sullivan, Thomas Goode, Fr Vaughan Beddoes, Marjorie Johns.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £1155 (includes standing orders). **Racial Justice Sunday:** £202.05. Thanks for your generosity.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: In February, we pray with Pope Francis for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: We are invited to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed.

St Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist **Whether grace is bestowed through this sacrament?**

The effect of this sacrament ought to be considered, first of all and principally, from what is contained in this sacrament, which is Christ; Who, just as by coming into the world, He visibly bestowed the life of grace upon the world, according to John 1:17: "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ," so also, by coming sacramentally into man causes the life of grace, according to John 6:58: "He that eateth Me, the same also shall live by Me." Hence Cyril says on Luke 22:19: "God's life-giving Word by uniting Himself with His own flesh, made it to be productive of life. For it was becoming that He should be united somehow with bodies through His sacred flesh and precious blood, which we receive in a life-giving blessing in the bread and wine."

Secondly, it is considered on the part of what is represented by this sacrament, which is Christ's Passion, as stated above (III:74:1; III:76:2 ad 1). And therefore this sacrament works in man the effect which Christ's Passion wrought in the world. Hence, Chrysostom says on the words, "Immediately there came out blood and water" (John 19:34): "Since the sacred mysteries derive their origin from thence, when you draw nigh to the awe-inspiring chalice, so approach as if you were going to drink from Christ's own side." Hence our Lord Himself says (Matthew 26:28): "This is My blood . . . which shall be shed for many unto the remission of sins."

Thirdly, the effect of this sacrament is considered from the way in which this sacrament is given; for it is given by way of food and drink. **And therefore this sacrament does for the spiritual life all that material food does for the bodily life, namely, by sustaining, giving increase, restoring, and giving delight.** Accordingly, Ambrose says (*De Sacram. v*): "This is the bread of everlasting life, which supports the substance of our soul." And Chrysostom says (*Hom. xlvi in Joan.*): "When we desire it, He lets us feel Him, and eat Him, and embrace Him." And hence our Lord says (John 6:56): "My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed."

Fourthly, the effect of this sacrament is considered from the species under which it is given. Hence Augustine says (*Tract. xxvi in Joan.*): "Our Lord betokened His body and blood in things which out of many units are made into some one whole: for out of many grains is one thing made," viz. bread; "and many grapes flow into one thing," viz. wine. And therefore he observes elsewhere (*Tract. xxvi in Joan.*): "O sacrament of piety, O sign of unity, O bond of charity!"

And since Christ and His Passion are the cause of grace. and since spiritual refreshment, and charity cannot be without grace, it is clear from all that has been set forth that this sacrament bestows grace.

Taken from: St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III, q.79. a.1.

Face Covering at Mass: In keeping with Welsh Government guidance, face coverings must be worn at Mass by adults and children aged 11 and over. The face covering may be removed in order to receive Holy Communion. By wearing a face covering you will be helping to protect others.

How to Pre-book Sunday Mass Attendance: To book a place at Sunday Masses, please contact **Madeline Ahearne** on phone or email (**01792 361194; madelineolss@aol.com**) or send an email to the Parish email address **mumbles@menevia.org**. Please provide your name, the number attending Mass, and contact phone number when you book. This record will be held for 14 days (COVID track and trace).

Livestreamed Masses: Masses are livestreamed from our Parish (weekday Masses and Sunday 10.30am Mass). For a link to livestreamed Masses please go to our Parish website **www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk** and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. You can also find us on **YouTube** by searching for ***Our Lady Star of the Sea Mumbles***

Our Catholic Primary School: Our local Catholic Primary school is **St David's** on West Cross Avenue, a welcoming and happy school where children are cared for and nurtured to develop educationally, spiritually and emotionally. The contact details for St David's are at the top of this Newsletter - do get in touch to secure a place for your child.

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